

**MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF EDGWARE WARD PANEL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2009
AT LONDON ACADEMY, EDGWARE.**

Present: MC

In Attendance: Sgt.Reid, SK, AF, MW, RH, AT, DC, TW, SM, AR, LC, DC, CB, CLLR DY, PD, DM, DB, E, JJ, FM.

Apologies: CF, NG, AB, IB, HI, CF, SR, SB, GW.

The Chairman welcomed all present and apologised for his absence from the last meeting, thanking LC for chairing in his absence.

Amendments to Previous Minutes.

There being no amendments the Minutes were signed and adopted.

Sgt.Reid welcomed the new members.

Policing Pledge.

This again was on the Agenda as now required at each meeting.

The main point is that in future there will be solo patrols by the Police with occasional pairs where deemed necessary for safety reasons, so we should not be surprised.

Future Funding

Sgt. Reid explained that there is a need for some funding for various day-to-day items such as leafleting which is currently being done by the team on their various walks. It would be most helpful if this sort of thing could be funded so they can be sent by post. The Chairman felt it would be wrong for the Police to become 'postmen' and would appreciate an idea of the amount needed for such items. At a rough 'gestimate' it is around £6k p.a

Hub Team

We were given a comprehensive update on how things are progressing. They are organising various surgeries within the areas they cover. They are also working with TfL and dealing with ASB 18+ ASB under 17s involved in pickpocketing. Pensioners are a target for this type of crime and they are now able to hand out alarm bells for purses. It was also suggested that venues such as the post offices should also be able to hand out bells as pensioners are there every day collecting their money.

LC brought up the subject of the JFS buses as this has been a problem for some time and it is hoped that by re-routing these problems will stop.

What's been happening

The Sparrow has changed management, it is now aiming to be a more 'upmarket' restaurant/club and is being more selective on whom is allowed entry in order to keep the image and not lapse back to what it was. There are certainly less problems outside and the security has been increased, there have not been any ASB.

The Police Interactive Kiosk is up and running outside M&S in the Broadwalk. We are the first within the public sector to get one!!

The Jewish High Holy days are approaching and the shifts are set up to take care as they do each year.

There was an extremely bad fire in Wilberforce Court last week, no-one was hurt but everyone involved was amazed at how calmly the evacuation took place, including the lady who lived in the flat, who escaped unscathed.

Plans have been released for the next phase of Stonegrove/Spur Road regeneration. SK gave an explanation of how the plans have changed regarding access routes to Penniwell Close and also the concerns and fears being felt regarding the proposed underground car park to service the five new blocks. It has been established in the past that unattended underground car parks on such sites are perfect places for criminal activity and concern was expressed on the potential extra demand for resources that this development will place on our already overworked Police force. It was suggested that a letter from the EWP should be sent to the Planning Committee and it was agreed by a vote through a show of hands that this would be done. Cllr Y cannot make any comments either way due to his position within the Council, this is fully appreciated. It was also agreed that the views, opinions and feelings expressed by EWP members will be passed to the Planning Committee and that the Chairman will endeavour to attend the planning meeting later this month.

There has been an armed robbery at Paddy Power, Station Road, however due to the swift action on the part of our team an arrest was made quite quickly. Thank you team.

There has been a general increase in burglaries and SK explained how she had been a victim of an incident 4 weeks ago in her own home and due to having CCTV the culprit was caught and is awaiting trial, he is already wanted on other charges.

There is a meeting of the Jewish Focus Group on Thursday, anyone wishing to attend may do so, it is at the new Synagogue at Hazel Gardens.

The SNT have attended meetings in Penniwell Close and other places. There are 2 x ANPR operating in Broadfields Avenue most successfully.

There will be extra PCs working over the holiday period.

Team Update

Laura and Enzo are now with us. PC Aki is waiting to be posted.

The crime statistics were shown and the July total is 145 crimes. All info is available on the website.

Priority Updates

PCSO Monique assisted with the Youth club during the holiday period.

Key individuals have been arrested.

Drug activity still ongoing.

Pedestrian Crossing A41

Sgt.Reid gave a resume of the powers they have, which due to changes in the law are now rather limited.

The boot sale site has now rented extra parking spaces. They can only have 14 events p.a. without consent. The organiser has now applied for a further 6 and this will be strongly opposed on the grounds of safety, congestion, etc. MW explained the problems she encountered last Sunday in accessing roads around the Spur Road area. A lengthy debate took place on various aspects but there are two main ones to take into account, being safety for road users and safety of pedestrians.

It was agreed that if an application is submitted a letter should be sent to attempt to stop any more being allowed until the parking and congestion issues are resolved. This matter will be given urgent attention.

MC felt it is affecting local conditions and that the car boot organisers should be encouraged to pay for traffic control.

107 bus stop opposite Tesco is being moved into Brockley Hill.

Pickpocketing is on the increase and there were a number in August.

Youth Diversion

Darwin explained what has been going on. There is an E2G concert, Nutmeg have got approval for funding from the Home Office. There is an event on 26 Septemeber.

The football events went well and we were shown photos taken at the event, for which Clive arranged KFC!!! Thanks Clive.

2nd tournament on Stonegrove went well.

New Issue

Youths in Glengall Road are causing problems but this is being addressed.

Priority Updates

It was agreed to keep the current 4 as they stand.

AOB

AF mentioned the excessive traffic problems on the A41 and also the fact that there is now proposed waiting restrictions being brought in on the corner of Green Lane/Hillside Gardens which will have a knock on effect on the parking problems.

There being no further business the meeting terminated with a vote of thanks at 9.15pm.

The next meeting is on 11.11.09 at 7.30pm. at The Academy

***The names of members of the ward panel can be made available via the SNT.**